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*Dennis Montali*

DENNIS MONTALI  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re: ) Bankruptcy Case  
PG&E CORPORATION, ) No. 19-30088-DM  
- and - ) Chapter 11  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, ) Jointly Administered  
Reorganized Debtors. ) Date: December 7, 2021  
Time: 10:00 AM  
☐ Affects PG&E Corporation ) [www.canb.uscourts.gov/calendars](http://www.canb.uscourts.gov/calendars)  
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and )  
Electric Company )  
☒ Affects both Debtors )  
\* All papers shall be filed in )  
the Lead Case, No. 19-30088 (DM). )

**ORDER ON FIRE VICTIM TRUSTEE'S RULE 2004 MOTION**

The court agrees with Adventist Health System/West and Adventist Health Feather River ("Adventist") (Dkt 11614) and DENIES the Motion of the Fire Victim Trustee Pursuant To Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2004 ("The 2004 Motion") (Dkt 11556).

The Fire Victim Trustee will have to live with the rules in place under the Fire Victims Claims Resolution Procedures

1 ("CRP") **at this time** (emphasis borrowed from Adventist). The  
2 comprehensive claims submission, review and disposition  
3 procedures of the CRP that were heavily negotiated should stay  
4 in place until fully employed.

5 Were Adventist not one of the few claimants who have the  
6 fallback option for judicial review after the Fire Victim  
7 Trustee has finished his work, the outcome here might be  
8 different and granting The 2004 Motion might be an appropriate  
9 tool to draw from the toolbox now and put to work.

10 The court prefers, however, to stick with the elaborate and  
11 detailed CRP procedures without judicial interference even at  
12 this discovery-like stage of the process. This is so regardless  
13 of whether Adventist holds what might be the largest fire victim  
14 claim of them all, or something more routine. The procedures  
15 are there for all fire victim claimants and should be honored.

16 If the Fire Victim Trustee's ultimate decision on  
17 Adventist's claims is unacceptable to Adventist, then whatever  
18 appropriate discovery procedures then available (FRBP 2004; FRBP  
19 9014; FRCP 37; or others) will be available for the parties to  
20 utilize.

21 Notwithstanding this disposition, the court repeats, with  
22 its own emphasis added, that this is the ruling **at this time**.  
23 Adventist probably does have the largest or one of the most  
24 complex claims of all of the fire victims, and may be unique in  
25 that its insurer did not resort to the Subrogation Trust.  
26 Further, its own counsel has been a major participant since the  
27 first days of this case, involved in a quite meaningful way with  
28 the issues now brought back to the court's attention, such as

1 the carve out for possible judicial review of only a handful of  
2 claims and the insurance offset issue now on appeal.

3 For that reason, the court takes seriously and relies on  
4 that counsel's commitment to try to accommodate reasonable  
5 informal requests by counsel for the Fire Victim Trustee for  
6 more information. That appears the most efficient and cost-  
7 effective way to carry out these tasks without turning The 2004  
8 Motion into a wasteful and expensive battleground.

9 While the CRP does not incorporate Rule 2004, it does not  
10 exclude use of that rule either. If for some reason (before  
11 the Fire Victim Trustee makes a final decision on the Adventist  
12 claims) the time comes to reach back into the toolbox to achieve  
13 those goals, the court may revisit the Rule 2004 Motion as an  
14 appropriate tool.

15 The Rule 2004 Motion is DENIED and DROPPED from the  
16 December 7, 2021 calendar.

17 **\*\*END OF ORDER\*\***

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